

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 428
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Jo Allene Love Dotson and the 1995-1996 William James Junior High School girls' basketball team, small schools conference champions.

WHEREAS, the junior high basketball program in Tennessee is an important part of the education of many young persons, because such a program serves as a laboratory exercise in human relations and promotes physical and emotional development; and

WHEREAS, with exceptional poise, exemplary determination and rare skill, the excellent 1995-1996 William James Junior High School girls' basketball team from White Bluff has recently completed an outstanding season by winning the prestigious small schools conference championship, thus bringing deserved recognition to their fine school and community; and

WHEREAS, William James Junior High also won the District 14 championship despite hard fought competition; and

WHEREAS, in 17 battles, the Lady Colonels emerged victorious in 16 games, a great winning percentage of .940; and

WHEREAS, the finely-tuned strategy for this highly successful unit was planned by **Head Coach Jo Allene Love Dotson**, who was capably assisted by **volunteer coach Teresa Williams**; and

WHEREAS, Coach Dotson, who we are very proud to say is a former employee of the House of Representatives Education Committee, was a member of the All-Star team when she

played at Kitrell High School, and this year she was appropriately selected Coach of the Year;
and

WHEREAS, the **school's principal, Louise Buchanan**, strongly supported the squad;
and

WHEREAS, the members of this memorable team were: **Amanda Stringer**, the
Tournament Most Valuable Player; **Kristen Dotson, Miranda Warfield**, and **Leah Ford**, who
made the All-Tournament team; and **Miranda Stringer, Charla Cocke, Katie Osborne, Jenni
Clouse, Jana Reynolds, Amy Howel** and **Hannah Mosley**, each of who made a significant
contribution to the team effort; and

WHEREAS, under the expert sponsorship of **Trina Griffin** the enthusiastic cheerleaders
won the coveted District 14 Spirit Award. They were **Melissa Butler, Misti Butler, Scarlett
Elkins, Kim Griffin, Melissa Hunter, Stephanie Lee, Missy Russell, Christy Sale, Jessica
Tatum** and **Ashley Taylor**; and

WHEREAS, the **Manager Film Crew** included **Jason Stanley, Matt Allisbrooks, Gabe
Underhill, Duane Robnett, Brennen Thompson**, and **Brad Brown**; the **water girls** were
Katherine Elizabeth Dotson, Rebekah Mosley, and **Mackenzie Hall**; and the team's **bus
driver** was **Roger Heath**; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize this
exemplary team on their accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING,
That we honor and congratulate Coach Jo Allene Love Dotson and the 1995-1996 William
James High School girls' basketball team on winning the small schools conference
championship and numerous other accomplishments. We wish them much continued success in
their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.